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Application Number	09/443793
Filing Date	11/18/1999
First Named Inventor	David E. Albrecht
Art Unit	3676
Examiner Name	Alison K. Pickard
Attorney Docket Number	505-02

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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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a. ☐ Deposit Account No. _____

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 02/27/2004 AWONDAF1 00000048 09443793

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 0P

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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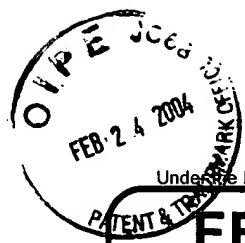
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☐ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X		
			-3** =	X		

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	55.00
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	385.00
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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Inventor: David E. Albrecht
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Examiner: Alison K. Pickard
Art Unit: 3676
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the final Official Action of November 5, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time, and a Request for Continued Examination, and payment for same, are enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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